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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL INFORMATION
ON HOST GOVERNMENT

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1. ON REREADING REF (B) WHICH ANALYZED SYRIA'S PRINCIPAL
MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES A YEAR AGO, WE FIND
VERY LITTLE CHANGE IN SYRIAN PRIORITIES. IN MEETING WITH
EMBOFFS AUGUST 2, FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS KAYLANI MADE SEVERAL COMMENTS THAT BOTH
CONFIRM AND SUPPLEMENT OUR PREVIOUS INFORMATION: A) PALES-
TINIAN AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES: KAYLANI AFFIRMED THAT THESE
WOULD BE THE ISSUES OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO SYRIA BUT
SARG'S TACTICS WOULD DEPEND ON PROGRESS BEING MADE IN MIDDLE
EAST PEACE EFFORTS IN OTHER FORUMS. IF, FOR EXAMPLE,
DEFINITE PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE TOWARD CONVENING GENEVA
CONFERENCE IT WOULD NOT MAKE SENSE TO LAUNCH MAJOR INITIATIVES
AT UN. IN THE CASE KAYLANI FORESAW ARAB EFFORTS BEING
LIMITED TO SECURING A REAFFIRMATION OF LAST YEAR'S
RESOLUTIONS; B) KOREA: KAYLANI THOUGHT THIS ISSUE
WOULD BE DOWNPLAYED IN COMING SESSION AS RESULT OF
PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO WITH-
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DRAW US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. COMMENT: SYRIA,
MEVERTHELESS, REMAINS FIRM SUPPORTER OF NORTH KOREA
WHICH IT REGARDS AS A FELLOW REVOLUTIONARY STATE; END
COMMENT. C) ERITREA: KAYLANI CHARACTERIZED POSSIBLE
UN CONSIDERATION OF ERITREA AS "PREMATURE". HE
RECALLED THAT AT THE ISLAMIC FONMINISTERS CONFERENCE
IN TRIPOLI, AFRICAN STATES HAD OPPOSED ANY INTERNATIONAL

POLITICAL ACTION WITH REGARD TO ERITREAN MOVEMENT AN ARAB STATES HAD FOR THAT REASON WITHDRAWN A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT; D) OTHER ISSUES: KAYLANI SAID THAT THE OTHER PRINCIPAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO SYRIA WOULD BE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AND THOSE CONCERNING NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

2. KAYLANI SAID THAT AS USUAL COMPOSITION OF SYRIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA WOULD NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL A FEW DAYS BEFORE ITS OPENING WHEN FONMIN KHADDAM SELECTED MEMBERS. HE SAID THAT HE HIMSELF EXPECTED TO BE AT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA UNTIL END OF AUGUST AND DID NOT KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE PART OF DELEGATION.

3. EMBASSY MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IS CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION EDWARD WALKER.

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